

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

The specification has been amended to overcome the objections thereto.

Claims 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Guimard et al. (Guimard). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Guimard discloses the construction of an electronic igniter, the method by which it is programmed, and the construction for electronic circuits. No does Guimard teach or suggest that it is possible, before embedding the hybrid in the shell of the igniter, to connect test apparatus to the outputs of the integrated electronic circuit to check the functionality of the integrated circuit at connecting points provided for the purpose. According to the invention, the connecting points offer the possibility of loading the chip with the adapted functions designed for its use especially, the fuse address assignment, the safety ode and the setting of the delay time, prior to installation. The chip encapsulated in an IC housing furthermore offers the possibility, due to its connection points, to check the output data of the integrated circuit at the manufacturer's premises in a climate chamber under varying climatic conditions before installing it in the triggering unit.

The igniter of Guimard does not provide for checking the electronic circuit, in which appropriate test apparatus can be connected to terminal points of the electronic circuit. Such testing is also not possible at all, because terminal points are not mentioned either in the drawings or in the description. The entire electronics 15 of the fuse are represented in Fig. 1 as if they were completely encapsulated. No connection points can be found to which meters can be connected. the Examiner has not identified such features in the Office Action.

Since Guimard does not disclose each and every feature of the claimed invention, the rejection should be withdrawn.

If any fees are due to enter this paper or to maintain pendency of this application, authorization is given to charge deposit amount no. 50-0624.

Respectfully submitted,

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